



50th anniversary

Celebrating the Texas Water Resources Institute: 50 years of the Water Resources Research Act

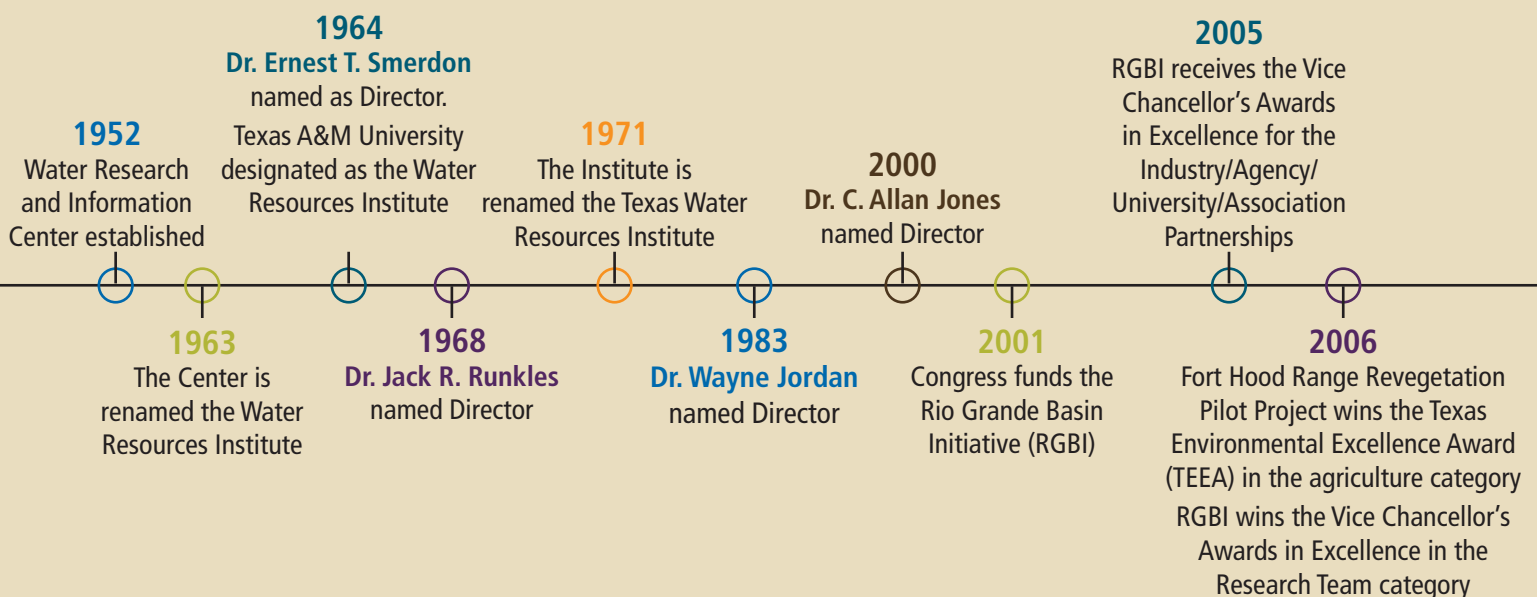
First established in 1952, TWRI was designated as the water resources institute for the state of Texas in 1964 by the Texas Legislature and Texas Governor after Congress passed and President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Water Resources Research Act (WRRA) of 1964.

"Abundant, good water is essential to continued economic growth and progress," said President Johnson at the time in a prepared statement.

The WRRA established water resources institutes in each state and provided funds for research on solving water issues. Today, TWRI is one of 54 institutes in the National Institute for Water Resources, which serves as the contact between individual institutes and the federal funding sponsor, U.S. Geological Survey.

TWRI today

TWRI helps solve pressing water issues by providing needed expertise and interdisciplinary partnerships. We also deliver important water information to citizens and professionals. Our work centers around three program areas: water quality improvement, water sustainability and security and water resources outreach and training.



TWRI in 2014



45 news releases
91 media mentions



65 research and extension programs and events with more than **5,000** attendees and **11,880** research and extension contact hours



1,594 Twitter followers and **201** TWRI Facebook likes



16 grants for **\$2,795,159**



4 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



txH2O magazine published twice annually since 2005 with **3,477** subscribers

Conservation Matters e-mail newsletter published monthly since 2005 with **2,538** subscribers

Texas Water Journal online peer-reviewed journal co-published since 2010 with **530** registered users

15 technical reports published

*AS OF NOVEMBER 2014

2007

RGBI wins the USDA-CSREES National Water Program Award for Outstanding Integrated Activities for Water Resources

2009

Dr. B.L. Harris named Acting Director

2008

RGBI wins the TEEA in the agriculture category
The Fort Hood Range Revegetation Pilot Project wins the Vice Chancellor's Awards in Excellence - Partnerships/Industry/Agency/University Team

2011

Dr. Neal Wilkins named Director

2012

The Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership wins the TEEA in the civic/community category
Dr. Roel Lopez named Interim Director

2013

The Buck Creek Watershed Partnership wins the TEEA in the agricultural category

2014

The Bacterial Source Tracking Team, which includes Associate Director Dr. Kevin Wagner, wins the 2014 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award for Interdisciplinary Research